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1. MADRID MORNING PRESS APRIL 20 HEADLINED SECRETARYS REPORT,
E. G., ABC " SPANISH INTEGRATION IN NATO ADVANTAGEOUS TO ALL"
AND YA " USS SUPPORTS GREATER SPANISH INTEGRATION IN EEC".

2. PRESS GENERALLY QUOTED ENTIRE SECTION ON SPAIN AND
SUMMARIZED OTHER ASPECTS.

3. MOST PROMINENT EDITORIAL COMMENT THUS FAR NOTED WAS YA
FRONT PAGER STRESSING:

A. SPAIN GIVES US MORE THAN IT GETS;

B. US SELLS SPAIN ABOUT TWICE WHAT IT BUYS;

C. SPAIN IS WIDEST AND SAFEST PLATFORM IN EUROPE AND
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ENVIRONS AVAILABLE TO US STRATEGISTS;

D. US SUPPORT FOR SPAIN IN NATO AND EC WORTH LITTLE; AND
E. PEOPLE STILL THINK OF PALOMARES AND OTHER UNPLEASANT INCIDENTS.

4. BUSINESS ORIENTED INFORMACIONES RECALLS US RECOGNITION (IN 1970 ACCORDS) OF SPAIN'S NEED TO SEEK EC INTEGRATION AND CALLS ON US TO UNDERSTAND AND HELP.

5. COMMENTS: A. ALTHOUGH REPORT RELEASED AT PEAK OF HOLY WEEK HOLIDAY WHEN MOST OFFICIALS AWAY AND PUBLIC ATTENTION CENTERED ON PROCESSIONS AND BEACHES, STORY MADE MAIN HEADLINE IN MAJOR PAPERS, INDICATING HIGH DEGREE OF SENSITIVITY TO AND INTEREST IN US- SPAIN TIES.

B. TONE OF ADVERSE YA EDITORIAL AT LEAST PARTIALLY MOTIVATED BY CONTINUING RIGHT- CATHOLIC EFFORTS TO EMBARRASS RIVAL TECHNOCRAT FACTION, PARTICULARLY FONMIN LOPEZ BRAVO .
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